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For	: HEAT EXCHANGER AND WASHING APPARATUS COMPRISING THE SAME	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on October 17, 2008, July 2, 2007 and September 18, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following documents, which were cited in a Chinese Office Action dated May 15, 2009 with respect to patent family member Chinese patent application no. 200810095827:

- (1) CN 1251634 A, along with an English language Abstract thereof, and patent family member US 6,327,718 B1.

The relevance of the document, as ascertained with respect to the Chinese claims by the Chinese Examiner, is set forth in the Chinese Office Action.

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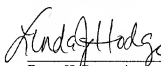
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of above-noted foreign document, including the noted English language Abstract, is attached hereto, and all of the above noted documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Chinese Office Action is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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